

015423

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



514598

3401027 F5

## REILLY TAR & CHEMICAL CORPORATION

CABLE ADDRESS  
REAR, INDIANAPOLIS



7500 WALKER STREET  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55420

May 9, 1968

Mr. C. D. Andre  
City Manager  
5005 Minnetonka Boulevard  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416

Dear Mr. Andre:

The opportunity of discussing the water flow from our St. Louis Park plant with you and Mr. Howard was certainly appreciated.

The drainage of our plant area is a necessity to the operation of our facilities. The natural flowage has been directed across Walker Street on the southwest corner of our plant. In this area Mr. Howard pointed out that it is the council's feeling that there is an undesirable amount of tar product flowing out with the water discharge.

Although we did not previously feel there was any particular problem with the discharge of water, two years ago because of heavy flooding conditions resulting in loss of some of our product, a study was made of our existing facilities to determine how such losses could be prevented. As the result of this study, it was determined that extensive repair and redesign of our piping should be made. Last year we began an estimated \$40,000.00 program to remove the piping from underground trenches and to eliminate our underground tankage. By this program, we will eliminate product contamination of water due to flooding and also minimize any contamination as a result of leakage. The piping changeover is scheduled to be completed this summer.

Also, steps are being taken to reduce the possibility of water contamination by the modification of a 10,000 gallon tank to insure the separation of water. The modification of this tank has been arranged for and should be completed within thirty to ninety days. The new utilization of this tank will provide an additional separation step in addition to existing separation. A third separation stage is also being designed.

302817

Mr. G. D. Andre (Page 2)

We are also investigating more extensive controls with the thought in mind of additional ponding steps equipped with suitable filtering. Ponding controls within our plant property are presently impossible to design because of the volume of storm sewer water the city has directed into our plant area from the surrounding streets. With the city's elimination of the water being directed into the plant from the surrounding community, we can and shall make arrangements to more adequately control the water discharge from our plant property. It is certainly our intention to cooperate in every feasible manner with the City of St. Louis Park with the sincere wish that through cooperation, a growth of a prosperous City of St. Louis Park can be insured.

Yours very truly,

  
H. L. Finch

HLF:ge

cc: Mr. G. A. Reilly - Indpls. (nno)  
Mr. C. P. Leshner - Indpls. (nno) ✓

30284S